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Hi Joan,

I am not sure the correct person to talk to, but I know you have some involvement with Wolverine, so I thought you could direct me to the correct person. Kimberly in R7 had a question about Wolverine. Specifically, they are referred to as a tannery, but based on what I have read, the PFAS usage and contamination has to do with the application of Scotchguard to the shoes, or perhaps to the leather before the shoes were made. Thus, Kimberly and my question is, was Wolverine a tannery and shoe maker? Was Scotchguard applied at the tannery or at another location? Kimberly has some experience working (or perhaps inspecting) tanneries, and she doesn't see how this would occur at the tannery itself.

I guess what the question really is, do we need to worry about tanneries being a source of PFAS, or was Wolverine involved in different segments of the shoe making, and thus it is not the tanneries but the leather processing that we need to worry about.

Thanks,
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